

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 have been previously canceled. Claims 22-35 are canceled in this paper.

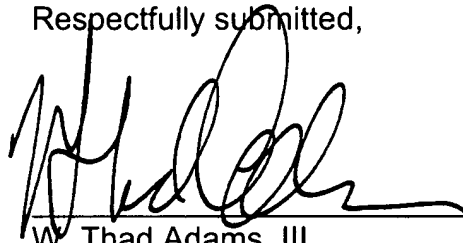
Claims 22-35 have been canceled in the foregoing amendment to the claims. Therefore, the rejection of claims 22 and 25-35 contained in the Office Action of June 15, 2004 are moot. The Examiner has indicated that claims 23 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the base claim, claim 22, has been rewritten. Claim 36 contains the limitations of claims 22 and 23. New claim 37 contains the limitations of claim 22 and claim 24.

In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims and the amendment of the remaining claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the case are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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